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Poem 106

KYOTO STATION

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KIYOMIZU-MICHI STREET

PARARARA

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KIYOMIZU TEMPLE

CLICK

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CHI-CHAN, LOOK!

THE FALL COLORS ARE SO PRETTY!

JUST THE KIND OF BEAUTY YOU'D EXPECT FROM KIYOMIZU ...

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TAICHI...

PARARARARA

COULD IT BE TRUE....?

TO THINK THAT TAICHI WOULD SKIP THE FIELD TRIP LIKE THIS...

WHY...?

PARARARARA

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COULD HE REALLY BE TRYING ....?

BEEP

YOUR INCEASSANT RINGING IS OBNOXIOUS.

WHAT IS IT, CHIHAYA.

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So damn loud...

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE RUNNING A FEVER?!

WHAT D'YOU MEAN, 'WHAT'S GOING ON'?

I'M IN BED WITH A FEVER, OBVIOUSLY.

YEAH, IT IS, I DO HAVE A FEVER, A 39 DEGREE ONE.

39?! THAT'S TERRIBLE ----!!!

EH

NOT REALLY. I'VE BEEN TO KYOTO A NUMBER OF TIMES, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I'M MISSING OUT ON ANYTHING.

FINALLY YOU PICKED UP---!!!

TAICHI -----!!!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU----?!

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ANY MORE QUESTIONS? IF YOU'RE DONE, I'M HANGING UP.

RICH GUY ....

TAKE CARE ...

OK ...

BEEP

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IS TAICHI GOING TO BE OK, I WONDER ...?

A 39 DEGREE FEVER...

I SEE ...

MASHIMA'S NAME IS ENTERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EASTERN QUALIFIER TOMORROW ...

I ASKED A SENPAI FROM THE SUIHOKU SOCIETY WHO'S HELPING WITH ORGANIZATIONAL STUFF TO CHECK THE NAMES' REGISTER FOR ME, AND...

HE SAID MASHIMA'S NAME IS ON IT...

EH?

AYASE ...

YOU REALLY ARE A MORON.

DON'T GO BUYING INTO SUCH AN OBVIOUS LIE...

TAICHI

?!

ON ME,

START

GETTING

A HEAD

I'M OFF.

IF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT IS YOUR FINAL CHOICE, THEN IT'S SURELY EITHER T-DAI OR K-DAI YOU'D WANT TO GET INTO...

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AS YOUR MOM, I APPROVE OF YOUR SMART CHOICE!

STUDYING INSTEAD OF FORCING YOURSELF TO GO ON A FIELD TRIP?

THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE! IT'S THE FALL OF YOUR SECOND HIGH SCHOOL YEAR ALREADY.

OH, TAICHI, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE UP ALREADY?

I'LL GO GET SOME STUDYING DONE SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE.

YEAH.

SUMIRE---!!!

GFOOF!

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AH, I KNOW!

IT'S BECAUSE MATSUGE-SENPAI WENT OFF ON A FIELD TRIP!

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WHAT'S WRONG, SUMIRE---?!

WHY SO DOWN? YOU WERE SO FIRED UP JUST THE OTHER DAY!

HOLD YOUR TONGUES, YOU FOUR TSUKUBAKA BROTHERS!

TSUKU-BAKA?!

GYA HA HA HA HA

I'M INCLU-DED?!

Haa

Haa

NO WAY I'LL EVER REALLY BE INTO KARUTA.

TRUE, I REALLY WAS FIRED UP,

BUT I'VE DECIDED TO DO MY BEST FOR LOVE.

EVEN HANANO-SAN, HUH...

BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET CLOSER TO MASHIMA-SENPAI.

I DON'T THINK I CAN EVER REACH THAT LEVEL, BUT AS LONG AS I DON'T,

I'LL END UP STAYING COMPLETELY UNDER MASHIMA-SENPAI'S RADAR, AND THE VERY THOUGHT OF IT IS...

BUT

THAT LEVEL ...

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I WILL!

I WILL!

I'LL RESTORE YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT FOR YOU!

SUMIRE, CHEER UP!

HA!

EVEN THOUGH ALL I WANT IS

JUST TO BECOME MASHIMA-SENPAI'S SWEETHEART ...!

H-HE'S HERE!

His own floor pillow

THE ONE WITH THE MOST FIGHTING SPIRIT HAS ARRIVED!

WHERE IS TSUBOGUCHI-KUN?

HE'S NOT COMING TODAY, SIR.

HE SAID HE WILL BE CONDITIONING HIMSELF ALONE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL HE WORKS AT IN ORDER TO BETTER GET READY FOR TOMORROW'S QUALIFIER...

HOW CAN HE GET READY WITHOUT PLAYING ME?! HE JUST RAN AWAY ON ME!!!

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I TOTALLY GET WHY TSUBOGUCHI-SAN WOULD DO THAT...

WITH HARADA-SENSEI, YOU'LL JUST GET DRAWN IN HIS PACE AND SWALLOWED WHOLE...

TSUKUBA-KUN!

YOU WILL DO!

LET'S HAVE A REAL DO-IT-OR-DIE GAME!

EEK!

BUT I'M JUST CLASS C~~~

CLASS C IS DESTINED TO BECOME CLASS A SOME DAY.

SO IT'S FINE!

EH?

EH?!

MASHI-MA SEN-PAI?

WHY ARE YOU HERE...? WHAT ABOUT YOUR FIELD TRIP?!

I WASN'T FEELING WELL IN THE MORNING, SO I BAILED OUT OF IT.

EH ~~~~~ !!

BUT I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER NOW, SO...

...I CAME TO PRACTICE.

PRAC-TICE?

HOW COME?

WHY ~~~~ !?

FOR AS LONG AS THE TIME ALLOWS, I'LL HAVE YOU PLAY ME.

MATSUGE-KUN.

OK.

WE HAVE JUST ENOUGH TIME TO PLAY 3 MATCHES.

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ALRIGHT THEN.

THANK YOU, AND LET US HAVE A GOOD GAME.

EH?!

ホテル 新館
赤 城 荘

PRESIDENT MASHIMA

SKIPPED THE FIELD TRIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EASTERN QUALIFIER?!

The World of Nishijin Silk Fabrics
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SHH HHH HH!

KANA-CHAN, NOT SO LOUD! SHHHH!

The girls of Class I wallowing in the depths of despair

SOB SOB SOB

AND I HOPED THE PRESIDENT WOULD MAKE THE BEST OF IT TO GET THINGS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WITH CHIHAYA-CHAN...

THE FIELD TRIP IS A PARAMOUNT EVENT IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIFE OF EVERY STUDENT...

I WOULD UNDERSTAND CHIHAYA-CHAN SKIPPING THE TRIP,

BUT PRESIDENT MASHIMA, OF ALL PEOPLE..?!

THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Kamogawa river

I'LL...

Huh?!

I'LL GO BACK, TOO...

CH-CHIHAYA-CHAN!

TAICHI GETS TO PLAY IN THE QUALIFIER THAT I GAVE UP ON PARTICIPATING IN?!

WHY?

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WHY DO I HAVE TO BE IN KYOTO, WHILE TAICHI GETS TO STAY IN TOKYO?

EVEN HEARD TAICHI SAY THAT HE WANTS TO BECOME THE MEIJIN!

I HAVE NEVER

HOW COME?

I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND...

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AYASE, I THINK

I UNDERSTAND, JUST A LITTLE.

ME AND HIM ARE IN THE SAME CLASS,

SO I HAVE SOME IDEA ABOUT HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

HE'LL BE APPLYING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL.

BUT IT'S HARD TO GET INTO, SO NEXT YEAR, AT THIS TIME, HE JUST WON'T HAVE EFFORTS TO SPARE FOR THE CLUB ACTIVITIES.

AND ONCE HE GETS ADMITTED TO MEDICAL SCHOOL, HE WON'T HAVE TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

SO IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT,

NOW IS HIS ONLY CHANCE.

TO DO EVERYTHING HE CAN IN KARUTA...

MASHIMA ONLY HAS THE NOW

Kya ha ha ha

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Ahhhh

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Kya ha ha

HEY, CHI-CHAN,

THEY ALSO HAVE AN OPEN AIR BATH OVER THERE

LET'S TRY THEIR SAUNA.

SIGH

I WONDER IN WHAT PART OF IT

SHINO-BU-CHAN LIVES ...

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THIS IS THE FAMOUS KYOTO FOR YOU

THE MOON SURE IS A PERFECT MATCH FOR ITS BEAUTY.

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Wataya Arata Cell

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ARATA-NII-CHAN ISN'T DOING SO HOT ...

LATELY, HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME...

WITH THE WESTERN QUALIFIER TOMORROW ALREADY, THIS IS WORRY-ING..

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YOU'VE BEEN ACTING NOT YOURSELF SINCE THE YOSHINO SOCIETY TOURNA-MENT.

YOU CAN'T FOCUS PROPERLY.

YOUR SWINGS ARE TOO WIDE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, ARATA?

WITH YOUR CROSS-SWEEP THAT BIG, EVEN DAISUKE WILL BE ABLE SLIP UNDER IT AND TAKE CARDS FROM YOU.

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME.

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME

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AND I CAN FEEL THROUGH YOUR PLAY THAT YOU'RE NOT PICTURING YOURSELF WIN

WHAT AM I DOING...

THE QUALIFIER IS TOMORROW.

SCREECH

ROLL

NEW LINE

"BUT IT'S NOT LIKE CHIHAYA

-ACTUALLY BELONGS TO SOMEONE."

WHY DID I SAY SUCH A THING?

BOTH CHIHAYA AND TAICHI ARE MY FRIENDS.

SO WHY DID I HAVE THAT KIND OF THOUGHT?

"WHY AM I NOT THE ONE WHO'S FIGHTING CHIHAYA RIGHT NOW?"

DEATH...

RESTLESS AGITATION THAT I FEEL NOW?

THEN WHAT IS

PEDAL

BESIDES, CHIHAYA SAID THEIR SCHOOL'S FIELD TRIP OVERLAPS WITH THE QUALIFIER, SO THEY WON'T BE PLAYING.

TOMORROW, I'LL LEAVE IN THE MORNING AND HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE WESTERN QUALIFIER...

AGONIZING OVER ALL THIS WON'T CHANGE THE FACT

THAT THE ONE WHO HAS TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TOMORROW IS STILL ME, AND NO ONE ELSE

...AIMING TO BECOME

THE MEIJIN...

"AND I CAN FEEL THROUGH YOUR PLAY THAT YOU'RE NOT PICTURING YOURSELF WIN."

YUU.

YOUR MOM AND DAD AREN'T HOME.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT IN THE COLD? YOU SHOULD'VE JUST WAITED INSIDE.

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WITH THEM, HUH.

TOMORROW IS A BIG DAY FOR THEIR SON

A RELATIVE IS VISITING, SO WE'LL EAT OUT AT KO-P-S.

It's cheaper than cooking, too

YET THEY DIDN'T EVEN MAKE YOU SOME KATSUDON OR PORK CURRY, DID THEY?

AH, NO, THEY DIDN'T.

IT'S NORMAL.

I THOUGHT SO, SO THIS IS A LITTLE SOMETHING FROM MY MOTHER.

THANKS.

Close neighbors

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WHY ARE YOU SO GLOOMY?

SAY ...

I WON'T MIND

JOINING YOUR CLUB THEN, AS WELL.

IF YOU WIN IT,

MAYBE SOME OF OUR SCHOOL'S STUDENTS WILL WANT TO START A KARUTA CLUB WITH YOU.

TOMORROW IS THE QUALIFIER YOU'VE BEEN EAGERLY WAITING FOR FOR ALMOST A YEAR, NO?

WHOA, NOW YOU'RE BEING RUDE!

YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE, YUU, THE REASON WHY I WANT TO WIN!

WHAT'S WITH THAT CHEAP REWARD FOR MY EFFORTS?

I DON'T NEED IT!

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WH...

I'VE MADE A PROMISE WITH GRANDPA TO BECOME THE MEIJIN!

AND THIS IS MY DREAM

EVEN WITHOUT ANY REWARDS!

OH WELL, GOOD LUCK AND DO YOUR BEST.

IT'S ME WHO SHOULD BE HUFFING AND ASKING THE "WHAT'S" QUESTIONS

SINCE YOU FELT THE NEED TO PROCLAIM SOMETHING SO OBVIOUS AT THE TOP OF YOUR LUNGS, ARATA.

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GRANDPA...

"YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE, YUU."

NO WAY IT WAS HER MOTHER WHO MADE THIS.

WHAT IS THIS...

PORK CURRY AND KATSUDON.
SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'D LUMP THEM TOGETHER LIKE THIS...
THE DAY WHEN
ALL THE HARD WORK OF THE PAST YEAR OR MAYBE OF AN EVEN LONGER PERIOD OF TIME
IS SUPPOSED TO PAY OFF AND
文京区立 かるた記念大塚会館
GUIDE YOU TO YOUR DREAM.
BOTH IN THE WEST
AND IN THE EAST...

...THIS SPECIAL DAY IS ABOUT TO START AT LAST.

SHINO-BUUU.

SHINOBU, BE A GOOD GIRL AND ANSWER THE DOOR, WOULD YOU?

SHINO---

DING DO~NG

DING DO~NG

BAUUU

SUU-URE.

Y-YOU STILL IN YOUR NIGHT GOWN?

IN THAT CASE, DON'T BOTHER. I WILL ANSWER IT MYSELF.

CO-MING-

IT'S STREET CLOTHES, SO NO PROBLEM.

NO, W-WAIT! SHINOBU!

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SHINO-BU-CHAN,

WOULD YOU LIKE

TO COME WITH ME THIS YEAR

FOR SOME EXCITE-MENT?

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